## LAKE WYLIE COMMUNITY UTILITIES, INC. 1295 STATELINE ROAD LAKE WYLIE, SC 29710 (803) 831-7000

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**JANUARY 18, 2008** 

RE: Notice of Drafting for 2008, reference articles 5 and 7

Dear Sirs,

I am concerned about having to acquire a performance bond for my water and sewer utility. I am a small utility operator and just went through a rate case two years ago. My insurance company would want \$4,000.00 for a bond. I couldn't add a \$15,000 bill for my well at the time of the rate case because I had already filed, now you're talking about another large expense. I can't afford these added costs and quite frankly neither can my customers who live in my mobile home community. With gas, taxes, insurance, and all other costs increasing these people are stretched to the limit. I hope you realize this and allow strong financial statements to continue being used in leiu of the bond.

Something that would help utilities and ultimately the customer would be to allow a set cost of living increase thereby keeping down the huge cost of going through a rate increase.

Sincerely,

/John Malpeli Owner/Operator